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NOTE FOR: Chief, History Staff

FROM:

Executive Assistant to the DDCI

Per our conversation, let me know what you think Dick Lehman might be able to do regarding the attached.

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Extract from DCI's Memo to DDCI; Subject: Follow-up Items dtd 2 Feb 84

5. Intelligence Assets in Wartime: I read the papers from Stilwell's shop which I gave you to read before you left for California, and it appears to me that a heavy press is coming to give the Secretary of Defense authority over intelligence assets in wartime. The papers they prepared show strong arguments either way. It is important that we prepare carefully for this, going back to the history of World War II. As I recall it, OSS reported to the Joint Chiefs but apart from that was subordinated directly to the White House and did not go through the Secretary of War and the Secretary of Navy. Reporting to the Joint Chiefs may amount to the same thing. All this history and precedent should be carefully researched to develop a correct position for us to take.

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